

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A ceramic heater system-comprising:  
a ceramic heater base having a substrate mounting  
surface formed on a top surface thereof;  
5 a heater, buried in said heater base, for heating  
a substrate; and  
a fluid passage provided in said heater base below  
said heater,  
10 whereby said heater base is cooled by letting  
a fluid whose temperature is lower than a temperature  
of said heater base flow in said fluid passage.

2. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, wherein said fluid passage has a plurality  
of concentric circular passage portions and a plurality  
15 of penetration passage portions connecting the circular  
portions passage, and any adjacent two of the  
penetration passage portions are not aligned in a  
radial direction.

20 3. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 2, wherein the penetration passage portions  
connecting any two adjacent circular portions are  
arranged at regular intervals along either circular  
portion, and each penetration passage portions made in  
one of walls defining a circular portion opens to that  
25 part of the other wall of the circular portion, which  
is located between two adjacent penetration passage  
portions made in the other wall of the circular

portion.

4. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 2, wherein said fluid passage has a fluid inlet  
in a lower portion of said heater base and fluid  
outlets at end portions of said heater base.

5 5. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 3, wherein said fluid which flows in said fluid  
passage is at least one gas selected from Ar, He, Ne  
and N<sub>2</sub> gases or a mixed gas thereof.

10 6. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 5, wherein said fluid is a mixed gas of Ar  
and He.

15 7. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, wherein a ratio of H<sub>2</sub> flow rate to Ar flow  
rate is 20% or more.

20 8. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, wherein a temperature of said fluid which  
flows in said fluid passage ranges is adjusted to be  
lower than a then temperature of said heater base by  
100 to 200°C.

9. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, wherein said heater has a high-melting-point  
metal patterned in such a coil form as to evenly  
generate heat in said heater base and two zones.

25 10. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, wherein said heater is formed of graphite or  
glassy carbon shaped in such a pattern as to evenly

generate heat in said heater base.

11. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 9, wherein said heater has glassy boron nitride  
coated on an outer surface of graphite or glassy carbon  
of which said heater is formed.

12. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, further comprising:

an electrode buried in said heater base above said  
heater; and

10 a DC power supply for applying a DC voltage to  
said electrode,

whereby applying said DC voltage to said electrode  
causes said substrate mounted on said mounting surface  
to be electrostatically clucked.

15 13. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, further comprising:

a fluid source for supplying a fluid to said fluid  
passage;

20 a temperature adjuster for adjusting a temperature  
of said fluid supplied from said fluid source within  
a range of -10 to 800°C and causing said fluid to flow  
into said fluid passage; and

a heat exchanger for removing coarse heat of said  
fluid raised by said heater base,

25 whereby said fluid is circulated in a cycle of  
said fluid source to said temperature adjuster to said  
fluid passage to said heat exchanger while said

temperature of said fluid is being adjusted.

14. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, further comprising heat-discharging fins on  
a heater-side surface of said fluid passage.

5 15. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, further comprising heat-discharging fins on  
both side surfaces of said fluid passage with respect  
to a heater side and at positions closer to said  
heater.

10 16. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 1, wherein heater-side inner surface which is  
said fluid passage has a roughened irregularity  
surface.

15 17. The ceramic heater system according to  
claim 2, wherein said fluid passage has a fluid  
inlet formed in a lower portion of said heater base  
and a plurality of fluid outlets formed through  
circumferential side walls of said heater base.

18. A ceramic heater system comprising:

20 an upper heater base of ceramics having a  
substrate mounting surface formed on a top surface  
thereof and a groove formed at a bottom surface to  
serve as a fluid passage;

25 a lower heater base of ceramics closely adhered to  
a bottom side of said upper heater base, thereby making  
said groove airtight; and

a heater, buried in said upper heater base, for

heating a substrate,

whereby said heater base is cooled by causing a fluid having a temperature lower than temperatures of said upper and lower heater bases to flow in said fluid passage.

5

19. A substrate processing apparatus comprising:

a chamber whose interior can be kept in a vacuum state by an exhaust system;

10

a ceramic heater system, placed in said chamber, for heating a substrate mounted thereon; and

processing means for performing a predetermined treatment on said substrate in said chamber, said ceramic heater system including,

15

a ceramic heater base having a substrate-mounting surface formed on a top surface thereof,

a heater, buried in said heater base, for heating said substrate, and

20

a fluid passage provided in said heater base below said heater, whereby said heater base is cooled by letting a fluid whose temperature is lower than a temperature of said heater base flow in said fluid passage.

25 20. The substrate processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said processing means includes:

a process-gas supply mechanism for feeding a process gas; and

a shower head, provided in said chamber at

8/15

a ceiling thereof, for introducing said process gas from said process-gas supply mechanism,

whereby a film is formed on said substrate by a reaction of said process gas.

5 21. The substrate processing apparatus according to claim 20, further comprising:

a high-frequency power supply, connected to said shower head, for electrically isolating said shower head and applying high-frequency power to said shower head,

10 whereby applying said high-frequency power produces plasma in said chamber with said process gas supplied inside from said shower head and said film is formed on said substrate by a reaction of said process gas with said plasma.

15 22. The substrate processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said processing means includes:

an etching-gas feeding mechanism for feeding an etching gas; and

20 an electrically isolated shower head, provided in said chamber at a ceiling thereof, for introducing said etching gas from said etching-gas supply mechanism;

25 a high-frequency power supply, connected to said shower head, for applying high-frequency power to said shower head,

whereby applying said high-frequency power produces plasma in said chamber with said etching gas

supplied inside from said shower head and said film is formed on said substrate by a reaction of said etching gas with said plasma.

And  
Ale